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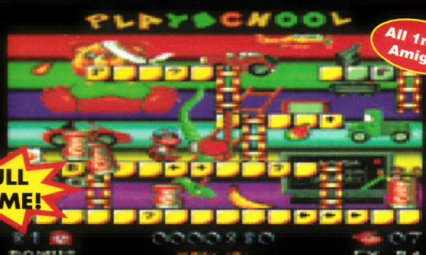
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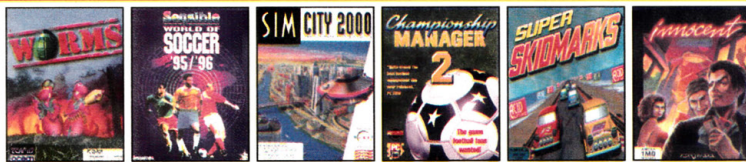


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News & Previews p30

Big news of the month is also a preview (works well, this new combined section doesn't it!). **Alien Breed 3D 2** is soon to arrive from Team 17, and we've got an exclusive preview just for you. Actually, it may not be exclusive, but it'll certainly be better than anything you see in any other mag, and a damn sight more interesting to read as well! Probably. Plus, there's some newsy type stuff on the eagerly awaited **Super League Rugby**, and if you're lucky there'll be another preview or two to boot!



Features

Son of Boggit p24

The drawings have quite literally been flooding in. Just what does the Son of Boggit look like? We'll be printing the best efforts along with a photo of the genuine article in the coming months, and there's a fantastic prize on offer for the closest resemblance. How does tea with the Boggit sound?



Game Guides

Some game or other p20

At the time of writing, the contents of this month's game guide section remain undecided. High level talks are taking place as we speak to try and

ensure that we give you the most up to date, in demand solution around. Of course if we don't manage to come up with anything worthwhile, we'll probably just stick that old Monkey Island guide in again. Admit it, that's what you want!



Coverdisks p6

Disk 1

Charlie Chimp Remix FULL GAME!!!

You just can't get enough of him, so here he is again, starring in yet another exclusive Amiga Action full game! This time it's basically the same monkey-related action as in the last one (Charlie the Christmas Chimp), but a bit different!

Disk 2

Saturday Night Snooker

This one's so hot we've had to put it in a special flame proof bag! The raunchiest disk we've ever given away is guaranteed to steam up your monitor screen! It's strip snooker, where, dare we say it, you win the frame and see the dame! (Er, except that bit's not in this demo).

Disk 3

Munch

You get the impression that the only reason this isn't called Pac-Man is because the programmers were worried about law suits. Whatever, Munch is an excellent new version of one of the classic games that sparked the whole videogame phenomenon. And it's yours for free if you put Disk Three lovingly into the drive of your pouting, expectant Amiga.

This month's gargantuan festival of coverdiskery is a treat for everyone, and that's not a lie or anything, that isn't. For the family there's platform fun in the shape of our special exclusive Charlie the Chimp Remix, which is, naturally, a full game and no mistake. For the discerning nostalgia buff we have Pac-Man. Only we don't, not really. No, it's a magnificent derivative of that classic, er, Pac'em-up, which we just knoooooow you'll love. And on top of all that, this month's piece de resistance – Saturday Night Snooker – is a snooker game with a hint of knockers and flesh. Wait! Don't put the magazine down parents, all that's disabled for the demo, but the full game is reviewed in this issue and you'll know where to go if you want the real thing, eh? Oh yes. And all that lot.

Cover Disks

CHARLIE

All 1 meg Amigas BPM Productions

Our Charlie the Chimp demos – and more recently the magnificent and spanking full game – have gone down with you readers like the kind of treat not seen since the heady days of Mental Image's Winning Post demo. So, non-muggings that we are, we asked BPM for another Chaz-Chimp effort to sate your simian platform desires. And we've come up trumps!

Charlie the Chimp Remix (or Charlie the Chimp Special Doobler '97 or whatever BPM has called it) is laid out in pretty much the same way as the previous efforts, with single screen platforms in need of colouring in by way of you charging over them. During your, ahem, 'charging', beware of the pieces of falling fruit and other jolly detritus which will try and hamper your progress.

Each block, or if you will, 'platform', needs treading on three times before you can progress to another level, and all the blocks must be the same colour before your trampling can start again.

Basically, it's left for left, right for right, up for up and fire to jump. The rest is up to you . . .

Chuck Chimp was programmed using BPM's very own Reality software construction kit, a simple device which is apparently easy for even the thickest of people to use. You can obtain Reality by contacting BPM Promotions at 8 Magnolia Park, Dunmurry, Belfast BT17 0DS. Obviously you'll have to pay for it though . . .

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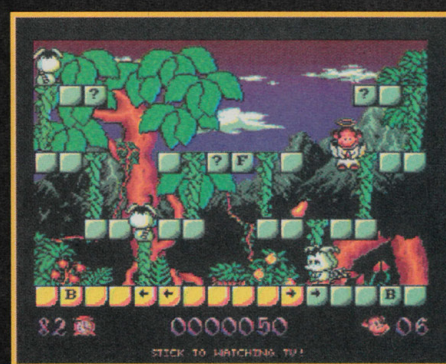
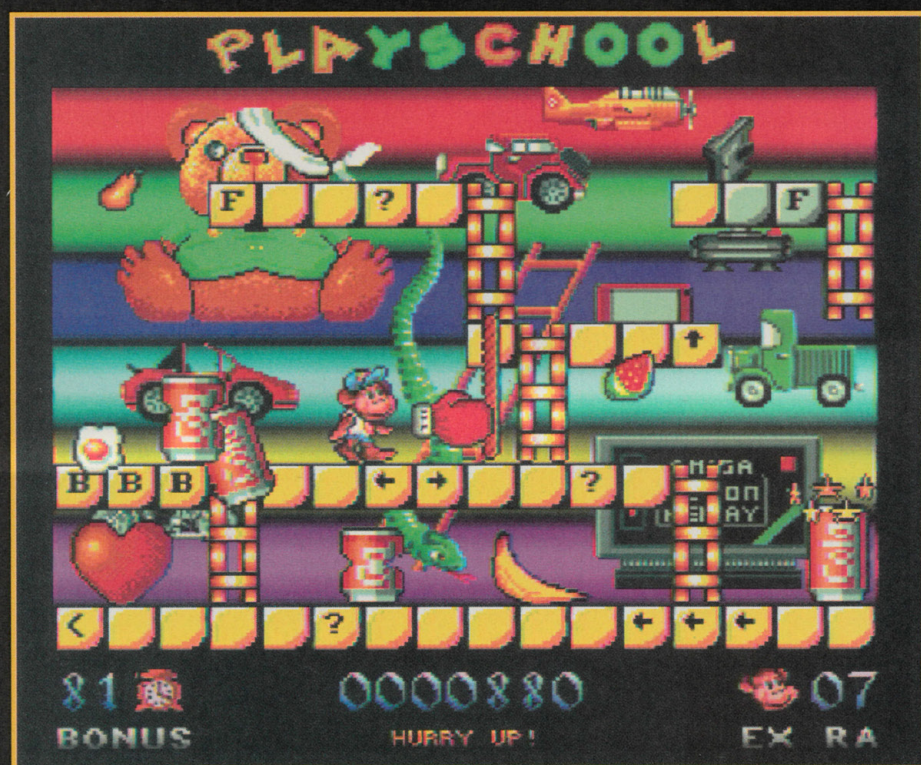
At the time of writing, we don't know who programmed Munch or from where you can obtain a copy of the full game. One of two things has happened – either we've lost the letter which accompanied the Munch disk, or we never received one in the first place and no-one thought to mention it. Whichever one it is, we feel it highlights our ultimate professionalism and we know you'll feel the same way. If of course the line below the game name gives this information then it turned up at the last minute and you can discount all of this. Whatever the case, it's all a bit irrelevant . . .

Munch is like Pac-Man in that you are a, er, man who, um, pacs at stuff, the stuff in question being pills of sorts. You're helped out by power pill thangs which make your enemies (looking suspiciously like ghosts) invisible apart from their eyes, and susceptible to your massive old gobble-happy mouth.

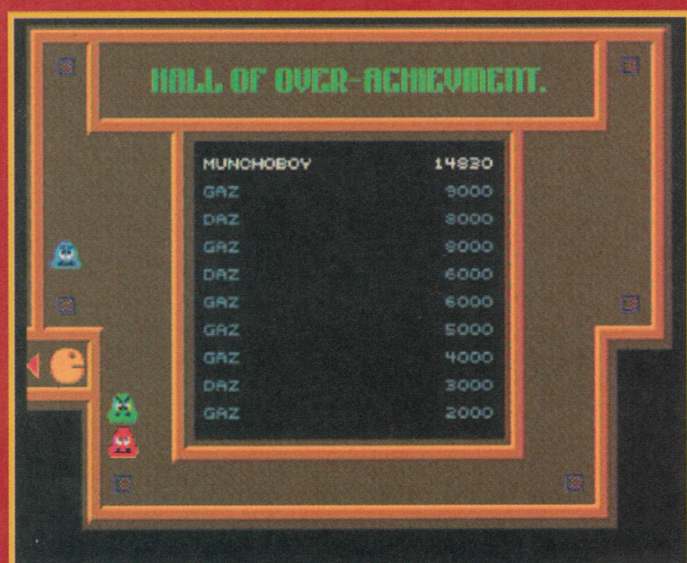
Two levels (Easy and Hard, amazingly) determine the difficulty of your task, and the main difference between this game and others like it is that, as the levels progress, they become larger and take up more than just one screen in a smooth, wraparound fashion.

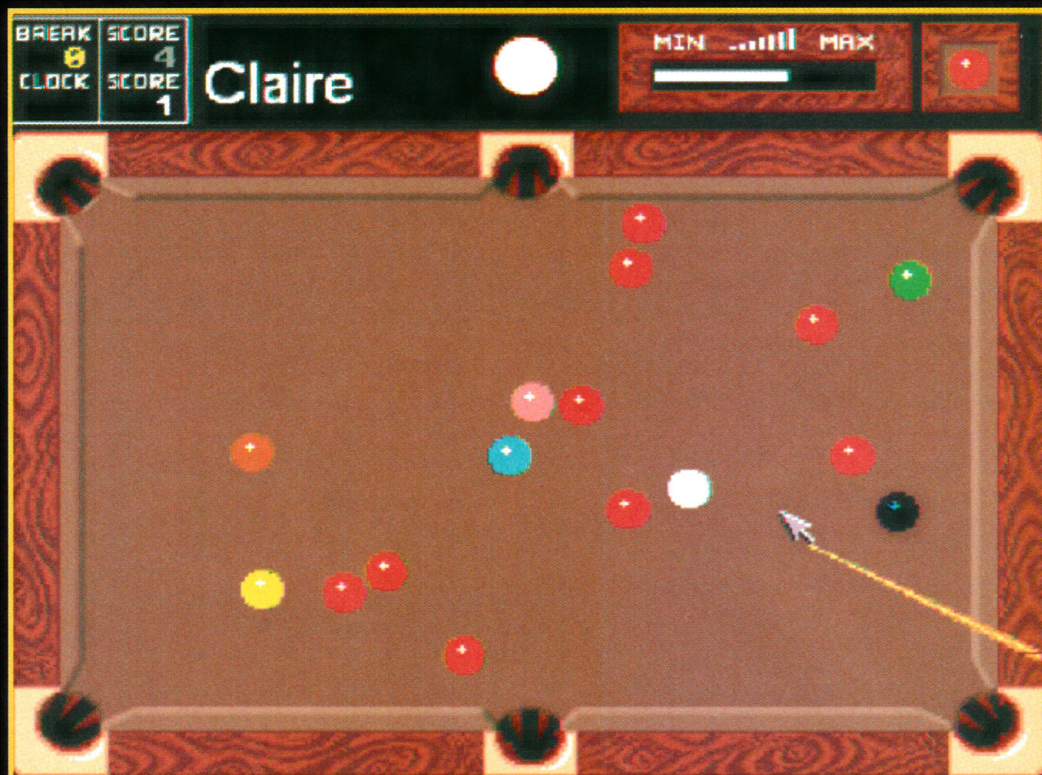
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MUNCH





SATURDAY NIGHT SNOOKER

All 1 meg Amigas

Jon Harris

It's been a long time since Archer Maclean gave the world his fabulously realistic snooker game, and since then nothing has really compared. Why? Because no other snooker games have been produced, that's why. Until now . . .

Saturday Night Snooker is far removed from the polygonal accuracy of that earlier and much lauded effort, but it's approached from an entirely different angle with the emphasis firmly on fun. Fun, and knockers, with just a hint of love jungle.

That's for owners of the full version though. Our demo is a strictly Universal-rated effort which will nonetheless give you a ruddy good idea of what the game is about. In fact, it's

virtually the full effort with the exclusion of the ruddy-bits. Basically, you're playing 10-red snooker against a computer-bird opponent on a table not unlike that in Team 17's Arcade Pool.

A simple point and click control method lines up your shot and takes it, and a white ball representation in one corner of the screen allows you to decide what amount of follow through or screw to put on the ball. A simplified variation by the name of Colours (like Speedball) is also available, and it's all tremendously ream.

Saturday Night Snooker is reviewed in this issue of Amiga Action, and is available directly from the programmer/muckmeister Jon Harris for £10. This is where he hangs out: 2 Leigh Road, Walsall, West Midlands, WS4 2DS.



Duff Disks

If any of your disks don't work, we're sorry - it happens to a very small percentage. Slam 'em in an envelope and send them for replacement to TIB, TIB House, 11 Edwards Street, Bradford, West Yorkshire. That'll see you right. Cheers.

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Alternative Software is treating you, the readers of Amiga Action, like the veritable gods you are. Not only will you be allowed the opportunity to gorge upon the footballing splendour-feast which is TM2 when it hits the shops, but THERE'S SOME STUFF TO BE GIVEN AWAY too!

A Puma King tracksuit (which Roger-from-Alternative's son assures us is the fashion leisure item of the moment) [Or, er, similar if, say, the shops have sold out], a Mitre Premiership regulation match football and THE GAME ITSELF are yours for the taking, along with no less than 15 runners-up prizes of ream quality, proper leather Mitre balls. That's 16 prizes up for grabs courtesy of your good mates and ours at Alternative Software.

All you need to win is a miserly modicum of footy knowledge. That, and the good fortune to be picked out of the tatty drawer which passes for our 'hat'. So, to recap then, that's a magnificent tracksuit/football/TM2 combo for the winner, and 15 footballs for 15 runners-up. That's one each, that.

To win, answer the questions below and have them back with us, along with your name and address, by the end of April. There's even a freepost address you can use now – simply replace our usual postcode with the all-new SK10 4YB. It's for GamePro and PSX-Pro really, but no-one'll find out, so you're away . . .

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b: A 'Frankie Says . . .' fashion T-shirt
c: A pair of Monkey Boots

2. Manager Jimmy Mullen knew it was time to leave Burnley when:

a: The results weren't going his way
b: Someone changed the locks on his office door

c: A group of fans tried to set fire to his wife outside a chippy

Note: think carefully, the ridiculous isn't always the least likely

3. Sheffield Wednesday and ex-Spurs bod David Pleat has:

a: A family of chinchillas residing in the loft of his summer cottage at Westcliffe-on-Sea

b: Two left feet, and therefore makes a poor dancing partner

c: Been done for kerb crawling, the mucky pup

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ACTION REVIEW SPORTS SIM

One of the longest-awaited sequels of all time finally graces the Amiga. Bairn that he is, **PAUL ROUNDELL** was much too young to play the first one

TRACKSUIT MANAGER 2

It's been ages since I last reviewed a football management game. Not that there hasn't been an abundance of them with which to test my managerial mettle, but frankly, despite the obvious quality of some efforts, nothing has quite matched Premier Manager

Also, because it's been so long since I've reviewed a football management game, I've forgotten how to do it. I mean, they're so similar aren't they? However did I manage in the past? Oh well, here goes...

First up, a point to note is that there are only 80 teams – that's

20 in each division. If you're a fan of a Premiership side then you're alright, but should you support a team from one of the lesser leagues,

then it's a lottery whether your side is represented or not. There's no excuse for it and that's a bit poor. To compound the problem, some teams have been put in the wrong division. I chose to play as Preston and began in the second division. They're actually in the third. Again, slack.

The squad at your disposal is large, and includes a full reserve side. But to be honest, this is rarely of use since your senior

squad is usually big enough to compensate for injuries. Had we been given the chance to pick a reserve team and play it in a Pontins League to check out potential first teamers – maybe looked after by an assistant manager who reported to us as and when there were any developments – then this would have been no end of a treat. But alas this isn't an option.

During a match you're kept up

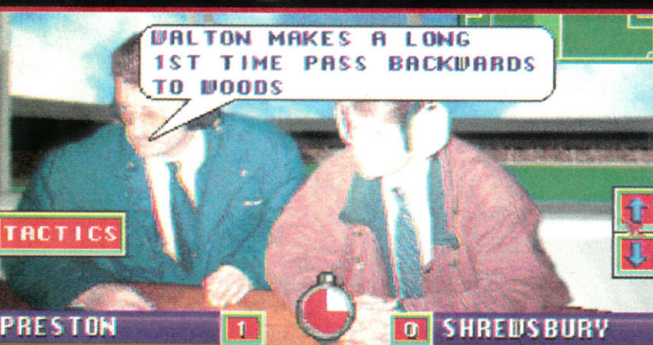
to date with events courtesy of a nice little running commentary – speech bubble style – from the co-commentators. There's also a tiny – but handy – pitch, equipped with a light green bar to indicate the current location of the ball. This has been well done – long passing movements are described in some detail (you can of course crank up the speed, reducing the commentary to a coloured blur), and a shot on goal is followed by a pause, during which you'll be slithering in your seat in agony. Because you have piles, you filthy devil.

Sadly, the ejaculatory "Goal!" comment sounds like an over-enunciating Mr Bean, which rather spoils the effect. And – and I know this might sound picky, but it's a valid point! – it happens too often. In two full seasons I was never involved in a goalless draw, and only failed to score on three or four occasions.

At the end of a match, and



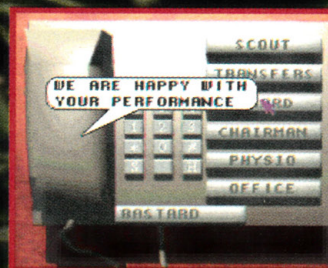
GOAL



(even, with hindsight, its many, many sequels).

Tracksuit Manager was, at the time of its release a few years ago, a ground-breaking game, but the likes of Premier Manager, Championship Manager and the rest followed and superseded.

It'd be nice to tell you just how this compares to the original, but the cupboard's barer than a porn chick's ass on a movie set, so we're scuppered on that point, unfortunately.



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MAN CITY	1	1	BLACKBURN R
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SOUTHAMPTON	1	2	WIMBLEDON
WEST HAM U	1	1	MAN UTD



indeed at half-time or any point in between, game stats are accessible. Shots on target, shots in general, corners, sendings off and more are all reported upon, but again there's a vital element missing – goals. Apart from during the commentary, at no point are we privy to who has scored a goal, and this is the one stat which everyone wants to know. An after-match look at the goalscorer league provides it, but even then the players' teams aren't listed alongside them.

Actually, it is very easy to see who scored from the in-game match stats, though not for the right reason. Basically, all players are awarded exactly the same performance points, except for the scorers, who seem to get a set amount more. Er, and apart from those who get sent off, who, statswise, have apparently always played the best of all!

Apart from the best average attendance screen, there is no mention of the crowds you draw for each game, and since there is no involvement with sponsors, the money aspect runs on automatic.

Even if there are matches on a day on which your team is not involved (FA Cup, European etc), you must have a full side selected and able to play. If one of your players has sustained an injury, either during the previous game or in training, you cannot progress unless you enter the team selection screen and substitute the gammy player for a fit one, even though you don't have a game!

Hmm, remember back there when I said I'd forgotten how to review football management games? Well, I think I'm proving

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that now, because so far all I've managed to do is list Tracksuit Manager 2's faults.

The problem is, there's no point in mentioning the features of TM2 which other games such as Premier Manager and USM have. To this end, I won't be talking about the transfer system, scouts and the rest, because you take them for granted, and you're right to.

What TM2 does offer is an exceptionally flexible game engine which allows you to access just about any part of the game, no matter which screen

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POSITION: MID	ABILITY: GOOD
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CONTRACT: NO CONTRACT	SHOOTING: GOOD
COUNTRY: ENGLAND	HEADING: GOOD
	TACKLING: VERY GOOD
	PASSING: AVERAGE
	STAMINA: VERY GOOD
	SPEED: GOOD
	FITNESS: 100%

you're currently in. It's very easy to get into, simple to set up, and is presented about as attractively as any game of this kind you're likely to find on the Amiga. It's just a shame about the rest of it.

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SOUND	50%
PLAYABILITY	78%
DIFFICULTY	Spot on

Simple mistakes rob this game of an exceptional mark, but overall, quality of gameplay ensures a worthy product which is fun to play and which, in percentage terms, receives...

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OVERALL SCORE

80%



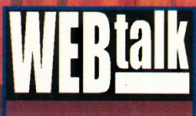
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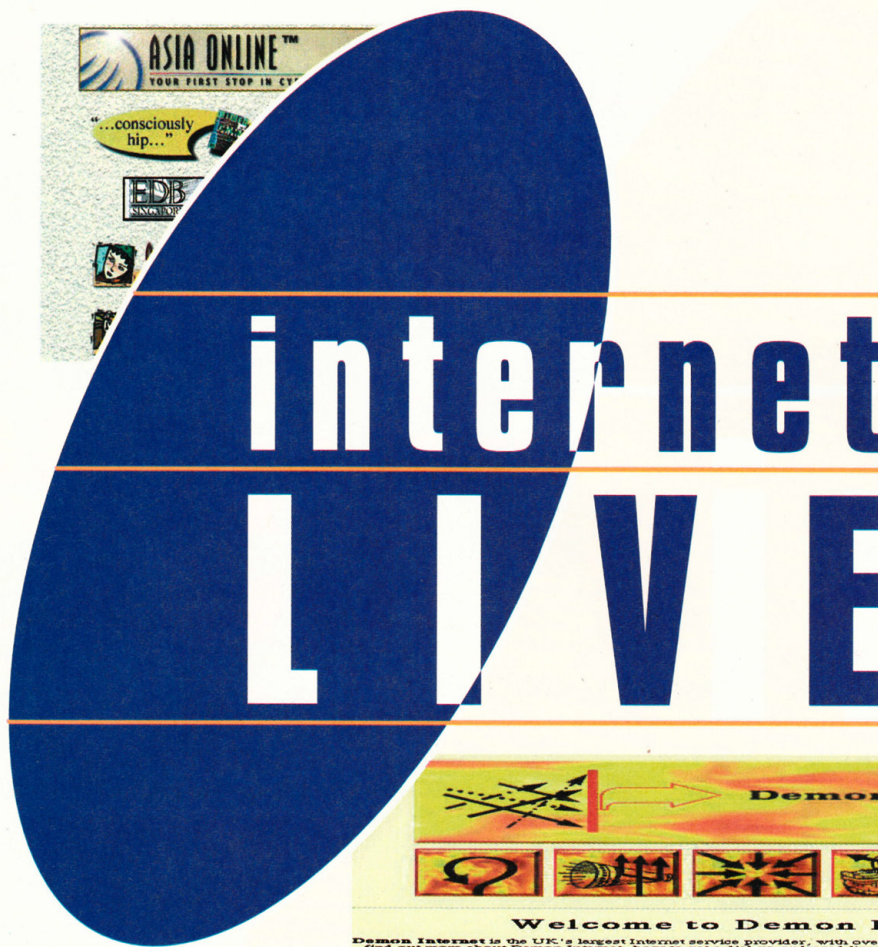
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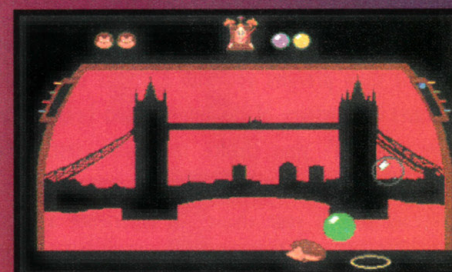
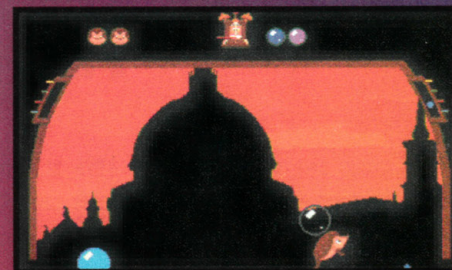
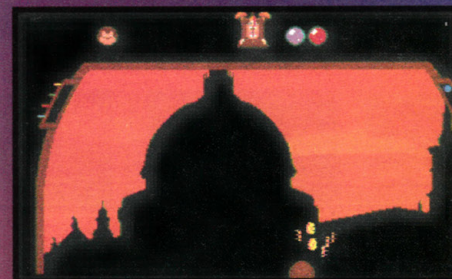
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ACTION REVIEW

BALLOON GAME



I'll quote this verbatim from the manual because I really don't think I could do it justice if I tried to paraphrase.

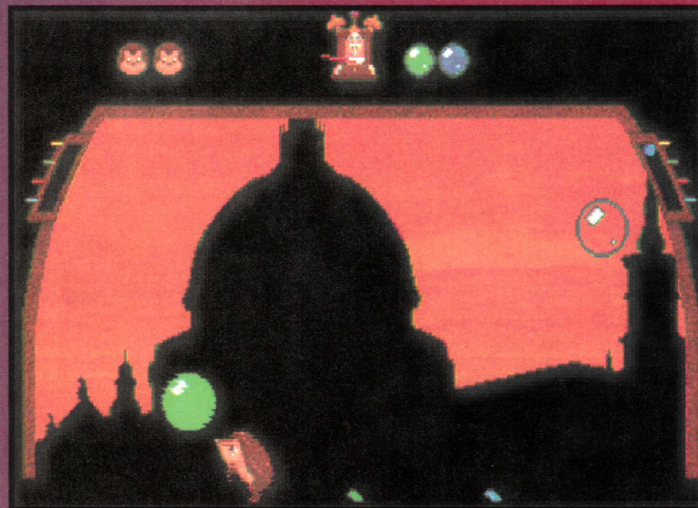
"Night fell . . . and just like any other night Harry Hedgehog walked amongst the forest animals with his head held high. 'Harry . . . ! bellowed Owl, and all at once the animals crowded around Harry. 'Enough is enough, we will no longer tolerate your unfounded big-headed behaviour, telling us how your alertness and reflexes make you better than us. We will, however, give you the chance to

game has actually come first and the background has been dreamt up afterwards in much the same way as it used to work, back in the good old days.

The game itself borrows heavily from classic arcade legend Pang. You control Harry who hammers around at the bottom of the screen trying to keep a number of balloons in the air. The idea is to change the colours of the balloons until you have the correct pre-determined number, then trap them in a

big clear balloon which you must burst by curling up into a ball and pricking it with your spikes.

It may not make any sense, and there's little point to it all, but Harry's Balloons is very addictive indeed. It's one of those games where the satisfaction comes entirely from knowing that you've progressed just that little bit further than before, and that's a quality that's been sadly lacking in virtually every Amiga game I've seen recently.

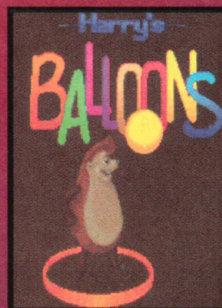


prove yourself.' What they had come up with was Harry's Balloons, and so Harry was sent away to London. Can you complete Harry's challenge and make the lives of the forest animals unbearable once again?"

Now is it just me or is that a terribly bad storyline? It seems fairly obvious that the

The simple ideas often turn out to be the best, and Harry's Balloons definitely adds weight to that claim. Plus, when you consider that it's a full game and it'll only set you back nine quid, it's very difficult not to be convinced to stick your order in the post straight away.

With a hedgehog called Harry, some balloons, an unfeasibly weak storyline and a great big dollop of old fashioned gameplay, STEVE McNALLY wonders if newcomer Collide Design is on to a winner . . .



HARRY'S BALLOONS

If this review of Harry's Balloons has piqued your interest and you'd like to get hold of a copy, don't bother looking in any shops because you won't find it. What you need to do is send a cheque or postal order for £8.99 made payable to Collide Design at:

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SOUND 83%

PLAYABILITY 75%

DIFFICULTY Tricky

Harry's Balloons is neither an original game nor a great one, but it is enjoyable, has loads of gameplay qualities, and is virtually guaranteed to have you hooked within minutes. At only £8.99 I can't see any reason why, if you've stuck with the Amiga for this long, that you wouldn't want to get this as soon as possible. After all, we don't get to play many worthwhile games these days do we?

REVIEWED BY STEVE
OVERALL SCORE

71%

ACTION REVIEW

BOOB TREAT



SATURDAY NIGHT SNOOKER

With the snooker halls populated by teenage prostitutes and fat men who smell, **WILLY RAINCOAT** prefers to hammer his balls around at home



Hello. Hurr, hurr, hmm – a-ha-a-ha-a-ha. Do you like snooker? Do you? Hmm? Hmm? I do. I like snooker. I love it, hmm, hmm. It's my favourite.

I like going to the snooker hall, and do you know what I do when I'm there? Do you? Hmm? Hmm? I watch. I just watch. I like to watch the young ladies playing and I like to watch them bending over to play their shots, especially the ones who wear skirts. And I love it when the skirts ride up. It drives me mad and I ABSOLUTELY LOVE IT!

Hurr, hmm, hmm. I spend a lot of time in snooker halls. They've tried to ban me, but it's no good. I always come back and they get fed up in the end.

It's great, I love it, and I especially like it when a well endowed young lady is playing and she bends way down to pot a long black, and ooooh! – she bends so far

down and I CAN SEE RIGHT DOWN HER TOP! These days I don't get out as much as I used to. The hormones I'm taking to reduce the hair on my palms has bizarre side effects, and I'm largely bed-ridden, but does that stop me? Does it? Eh? No it does not, hmm, hmm, hmm.

I've got a copy of Saturday Night Snooker, hurr, hurr, a-ha-a-ha-a-ha, and it's everything I've dreamed of and more besides. Four nubile beauties to play against, none of them particularly good, and they strip off as you beat them. After three successful frames YOU CAN SEE EVERYTHING!

Okay, okay, I know that in reality the tables are very simple and the ball inertia is extremely unrealistic, but a-ha-a-ha-a-ha, it's the other kind of ball inertia that interests me, especially when I'm playing Claire, who's gorgeous and WHOSE BODY I WOULD DIE FOR! Hurr. Single frame, best of three,

speedpool, play it how you like. But play it quick and GET TO THOSE CHARLIES JUST AS QUICK AS YOU CAN! Actually, it's quite frustrating, because the control is too simple, and you're limited as to where you can hit the ball and ooooooh! – it's so frustrating when you lose and that charlie chance disappears.

Hmm, hmm – there's a choice of baize colour too, but do you care about that? Do you? Hmm? No indeed. In fact, the game is of secondary importance because THIS IS CHARLIE CENTRAL AND THE TRAIN'S PULLING IN!

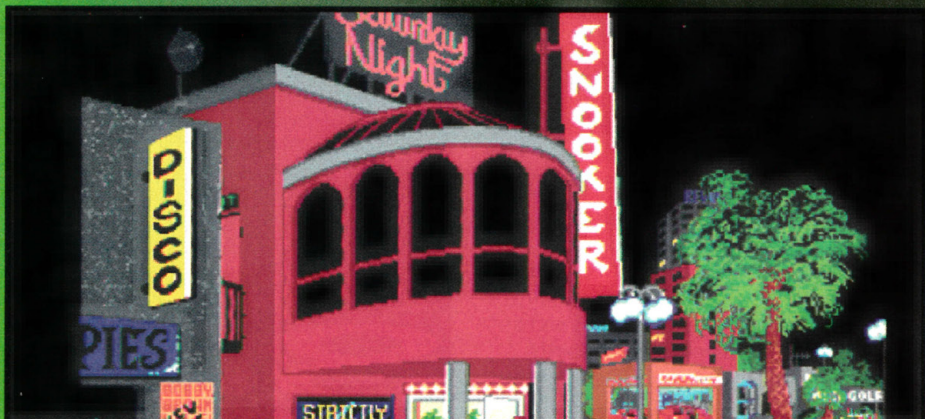
THE LOW-DOWN

PUBLISHER	Jon Harris
CONTACT	See page 8
HD INSTALLABLE	No
PRICE	£10

GRAPHICS	60%
SOUND	65%
PLAYABILITY	65%
DIFFICULTY	TRICKY

Breasts? I love 'em! A programming masterstroke which encapsulates everything good about life. It's the best game ever for sending you blind. It deserves, and will receive...

REVIEWED BY WILLY
OVERALL SCORE
62% – (Paul)



ACTION REVIEW SPORTS SIM



If **PAUL ROUNDELL** thought reviewing TM2 was difficult, how the hell is he going to cope with this?

PREMIER MANAGER 3 DELUXE

First there was Premier Manager. It was, 'The only one good enough to be called Premier Manager', and, 'The most comprehensive and sophisticated football strategy game ever', to boot. 'Fame or oblivion', the box proclaimed – 'It's down to you'. Premier Manager 2 followed. It was, 'The new season', 'The undisputed title holder in football games'. 'Nothing', we were told, 'substitutes the best'. Next came Premier Manager 3, and hot on the heels of that, the Premier Multi Edit System. We've lost the boxes to these, and we daren't imagine what superlatives they extolled.

With Manager 3 Deluxe – a 'Soccer Sensation', which is, 'The complete, ultimate,

experienced the Premier Manager series will testify, these are the management games which set the standard for the rest to follow. And they still inhabit the outer reaches of the charts months or even years after release.

Whereas PMs 2 & 3 largely earned their gold stars by identifying possible weak points of the preceding game in the series and beefing them up (but only in the programmers' opinion, as I still firmly believe the original PM was the best of the lot), PM3 Deluxe is a



complete with the editor's code breaking facilities. You can alter team info, player info, team names, player names, competitions, and just about anything else you desire. If you've read the review

of Tracksuit Manager in this issue (and if you haven't, then what a strange way you have of tackling a magazine), you'll understand the futility of going into minutiae, because at their core, almost all football management games are alike.

However, PM3 does what it does better than

most, and although ground alterations and financial details are unnecessarily complex and involving (kind of the opposite of TM2), and wins are harder to come by than in almost any other game in the genre, it's about as good as you're likely to find in the shops. Plus, it's got the extra thang to make it reamer still.

Interestingly [Ooh, it's riveting! – Readers] it is released into retail without an RRP, so shopping around could unearth a rare bargain.



blockbusting package!' to boot – Gremlin assures us that, 'You'll never need another management game... ever!'. It almost sounds like an apology. Like, we're sorry we've continuously brought these games out, but if you'll just bear with us this one last time, we promise that we'll never do it again. Honest.

Nice that, a bit of humility, but totally unnecessary. After all, as anyone who's



slightly different beast. And I'm sure Gremlin wouldn't hold it against me if I were to describe it as an exercise in repackaging, especially when I add that it does represent considerable value for money.

What you get is Premier Manager 3 and the Premier Multi Edit system – two previously standalone products – in one box, effectively providing the most honed of the PM efforts

THE LOW-DOWN

PUBLISHER Gremlin
CONTACT 0114 275423
HD INSTALLABLE Yes
PRICE Varies

GRAPHICS 70%
SOUND 70%
PLAYABILITY 90%
DIFFICULTY TRICKY

The best just got better, according to the press release, and at the end of the day, I would have to agree. Although we're taking it just one game at a time, because it's a game of two halves, obviously.

**REVIEWED BY PAUL
OVERALL SCORE**

88%

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ACTION REVIEW

SHOOT'EM-UP



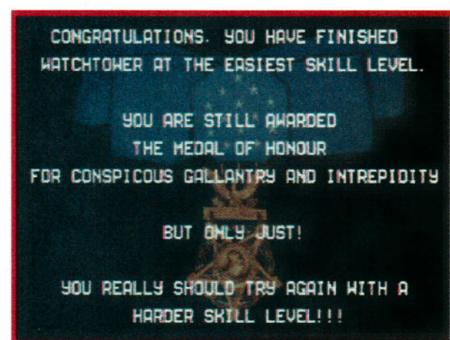
Right now, the Amiga is easy pickings for any programming team that can be bothered to write any new software for it. In steps OTM, much to **STEVE McNALLY'S** chagrin

WATCHTOWER

Hang on. Have I accidentally entered a timewarp or something? Gone back to the mid-80s and started reviewing games on my old Amstrad CPC464 perhaps? Or is this just another example of a program that a couple of years ago would have only seen the light of day as a PD 'retro-fest'? Well, probably not actually, although the last scenario is definitely the closest.

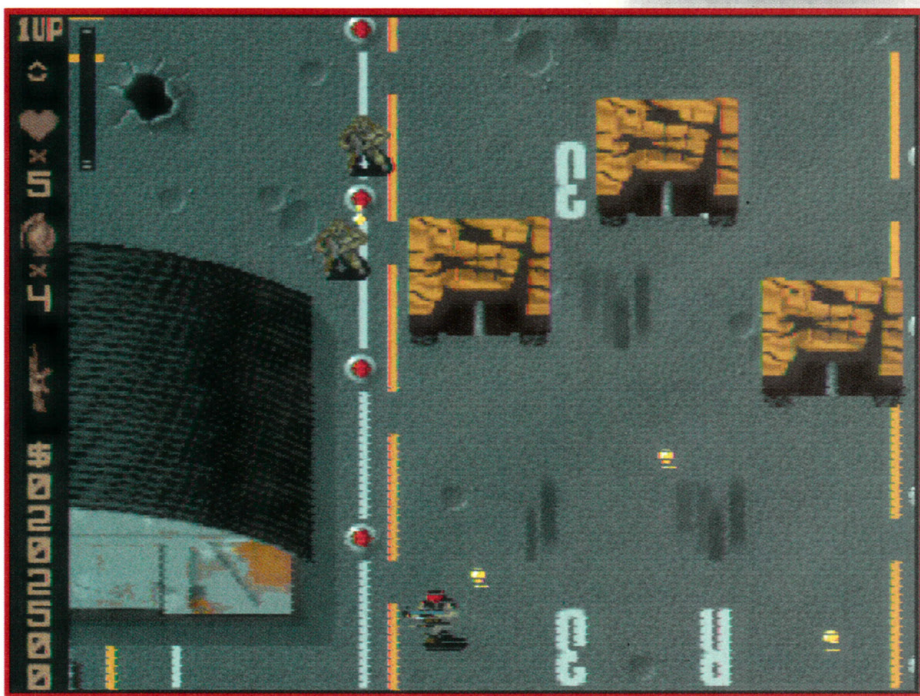
It's not quite as bad as most of the PD stuff that comes through our doors, but then again I find it very hard to believe that this would ever have been published commercially if it wasn't for the sorry state of affairs that surrounds the Amiga at the moment.

Remember *Commando*? Or *Ikari Warriors*? Two games that caused me to hark back to my eight-bit computing days. Well, *Watchtower* borrows heavily from this style of gameplay and makes no bones about it. 'A top-down view *Commando*-style arcade war game!'



shouts the press release. But what seems to have been forgotten is the fact that *Commando* is now about a decade old and was written on machines with only a small fraction of the Amiga's power. Fair enough if it's only the style that's reminiscent and not the whole product, but OTM has simply not brought the game on at all.

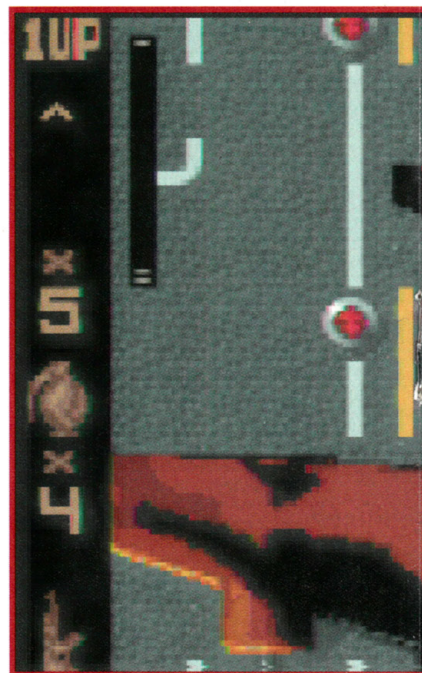
I may be doing *Watchtower* a slight disservice there, because my memory of those games is a little on the hazy side. For instance, I'm unsure as to whether *Commando* had a simultaneous two-player mode. *Watchtower*

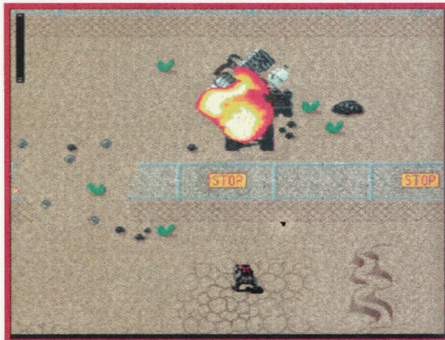
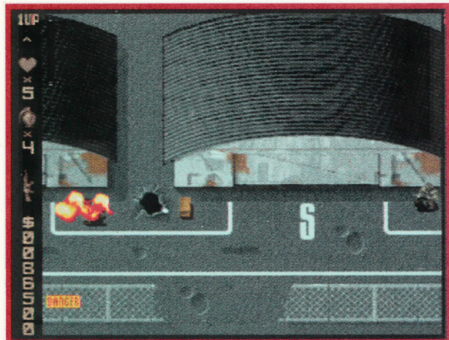
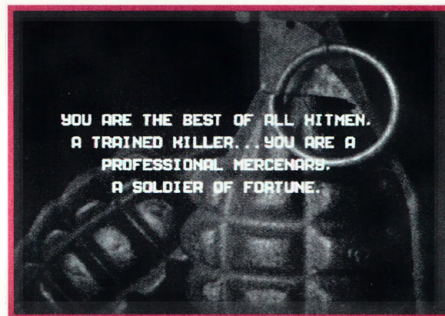
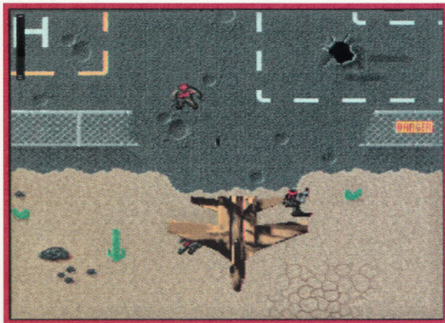


has, but then again I'm fairly sure *Ikari Warriors* had one as well, so that could hardly be classed as an improvement.

Actually, there are a couple of things where I reckon OTM has taken a step back rather than a step forward. Throwing grenades is now intolerably fiddly for example. You used to just tap the firebutton to fire a bullet

and hold it down to throw a grenade. In *Watchtower* you have to hold down the firebutton and tap the joystick twice in the direction you want to chuck it. This inevitably leads to you losing a lot of lives and causes frustration as you struggle to get to grips with the unnecessarily tricky control system. Surely if you're going to attempt to emulate one of





the classic games of all time without improving on it, you have to at least stay faithful to what made the original what it was.

The other thing that annoyed me is that instead of the bases that you used to have to storm to complete a level – you know, the ones with all the soldiers pouring out after you – have been replaced with standard end-of-

level bosses such as big trucks or tanks. This is a definite downturn for me.

But having said all that, if you can forgive its many shortcomings, Watchtower can be quite good fun to play. Would I pay £30 for it? Depends how desperate I was to play an Amiga game I suppose. It really is a sorry state of affairs at the moment.

THE LOW-DOWN

PUBLISHER OTM
CONTACT 01827 312 302
HD INSTALLABLE Yes
PRICE £29.95

GRAPHICS	42%
SOUND	68%
PLAYABILITY	53%
DIFFICULTY	Variable

It may be good marketing to link your product to one of the classics, but surely you should at least have the decency to make it at least as good as the game you're trying to emulate. Watchtower isn't appalling to be honest, especially in comparison with a lot of the dirt that's on offer at the moment, but it falls a long way short of being a masterpiece. What we have here is a competent, if dated, formula shoot'em-up game that will really only keep desperate gamers amused. Oh, and since when has something like this been worth £30?

REVIEWED BY STEVE

OVERALL SCORE

58%

Giving The Gam

PART ONE

With Simon resurging like there's no tomorrow, what better time to tell you what to do, how to do it, and where to do it?



After reading Calypso's note, open the drawer in the middle of the room and pick up the scissors. Then pick up the magnet off the fridge. Leave the cottage and walk east to the blacksmith's house. Pick up the rope from next to the barrel and pick up the clapper from the table by the blacksmith's head.

When he's showed you all his items, exit east twice.

Enter the Drunken Druid and pick up the matches off the fruit machine. Use the scissors on the dwarf and enter the room to the east. Talk to the pointy-hatted wizards until they agree to make you into a wizard, and make sure you get the staff off them.

times. Talk to the troll until he asks you to get him a goat (which may take a while), then exit west four times, then east. Talk to the barbarian and pull the thorn from his foot. He will give you a whistle in return.

Go north then east. Talk to the wise owl and pick up his feather when it falls. Go east twice then north-east. Talk to the hole then exit east then north. Pick up the shopping list, go east then pick up the rock and look at it. Go east twice and talk to the woodcutter until he gives you his metal detector.

Use the map to take you to the centre of the forest, go north-east and enter the cave. Exit east and open the swampling's door. The swampster will talk you into eating his swamp stew. When you've finished, ask for another helping and eat it. Then ask for another helping, which you must put into the specimen jar. He will now have run out of stew and will leave his hovel to gather more ingredients.

Exit the swampling's house, go east three times and use the metal detector. You will find Milrith. Exit east and you will see a giant. Go back to the troll and talk to him. He will take your whistle and blow it, summoning the barbarian who will kick the troll's head in and lob



Go east and you will come across a "dodgy geezer" – don't talk to him just yet. Head left to the cottage and pick up the ladder. Go into the cottage at the top of the stairs and you will find a specimen jar. Pick it up. By the door is a cold remedy which you must also pick up. Leave the cottage and make your way to talk to the dodgy geezer.

Exit the DD, exit east twice, south, east and attempt to walk past the tree stump. The woodworm will speak to you. Try to walk past again and they will speak again. Talk to the woodworm until they send you to get them some mahogany, then exit south, then west.

Use the handle on the well, pick up the bucket of water and exit east four



him in the stream. **[He may or may not urinate in the troll's dead eye sockets at this point – we're not sure.]** Pick up the placard, exit east three times and talk to the oaf.

Simon will then pour water on the beans and exit to the east. Return to this scene and pick up the beans. Exit east and then south-east.

Use the clapper on the bell, then use the bell. Climb the hair and talk to the princess until you have to kiss her. Snog the who' and she will turn into a pig (no, not a member of the constabulary).

Pick up the pig, climb back down the hair and return to the village. Open the shop door, give the shopping list to the shopkeeper and exit the shop.

Return to the cottage at the beginning and go around the back. Use the beans on the compost and take the watermelon. Now go back to the cottage where you got the cold remedy from and exit west.

Use the pig with the chocolate truffle door and enter the cottage. Pick up the smoke box and the hat, and then go outside. Use the smoke box on the beehive and pick up the wax.

Go back to the Drunken Druid and talk to the barman. Order a drink, and when he bends down, use the wax with the barrel. He'll think it's empty and take it outside, then he'll give you a beer voucher.

Exit the bar and pick up the barrel. Go to the troll bridge and exit north-west.

Use the melon in the sousaphone and it will be yours. Return to the giant and use the sousaphone – he will knock over the tree. Go east twice and enter the dragon cave. Use the cold remedy with the dragon and take the fire extinguisher. Leave the cave and exit north-east. Pick up the rock and return to the village blacksmith. Put the rock on the anvil and the smithy will break it into a fossil.

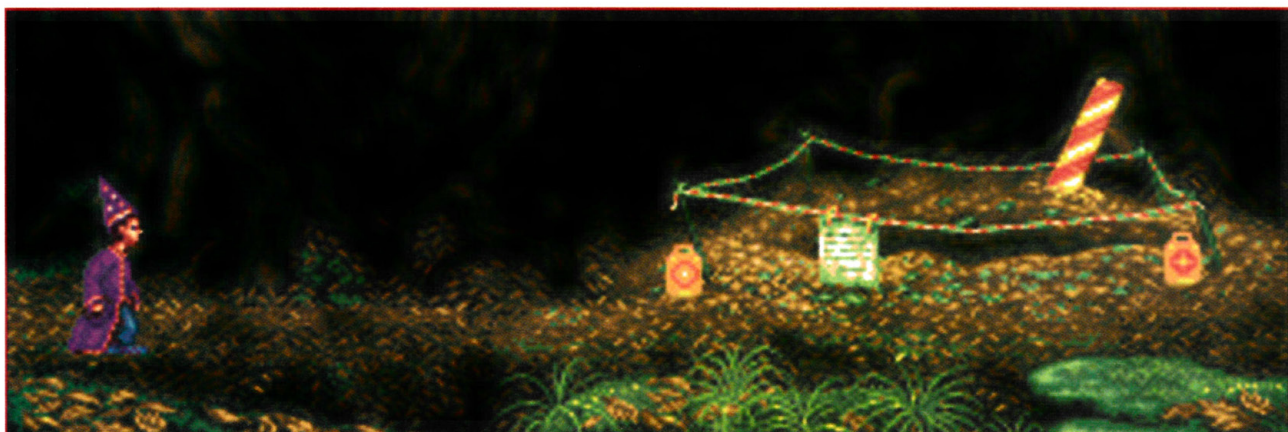


Return to the man in the hole and use the fossil with the hole. Tell him you found it where you left your metal detector and return to that point. Looking at the dirt you will find milrith ore – pick it up. Go back and give it to the blacksmith who will make an axehead with it. Return to the woodcutter and give the axehead to him. He will saunter off to cut down trees. Enter the woodcutter's house and pick up the climbing pin, then use the fire extinguisher on the fireplace and

move the hook. Take the mahogany from the secret room and return to the woodworm. Talk to the woodworm and they will jump onto the mahogany. Now return to the pig's house and climb the hair. Use the woodworm on the floorboards and you will drop through them. Pick up the door wedge and open the door. Use the ladder in the hole and climb down. Open the tomb and you will be chased away by a mummy.

Return to the tomb, open it again and pick up the loose bandages, then pick up the staff.

Go to the centre of the forest, wear the dwarf's beard and enter the dwarf's mine. Attempt to go south-west, and when stopped by the guard, offer him a bribe of beer. He will take you south-east. Use the feather on the sleeping dwarf and pick up the key. Go up the stairs, then south-west. Pick up the hook, use the key in the door and enter. *Part Two next month.*



SIMON THE SORCERER

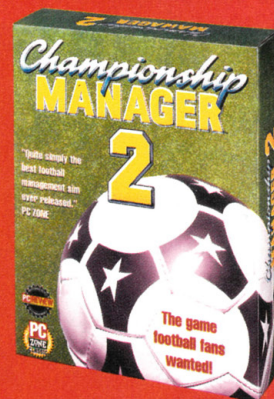
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SON of Boggit

**Is our hero about to recover the Woonsocket Diamonds for the second time, or will his hopes be dashed yet again?
Read on and feign interest . . .**

The story so far

Following the imprisonment of his father for antics of a carnal nature with the daughter of fantasy land big cheese, Sir Cyrille Grimola, the Son of Boggit found himself on the trail of the Woonsocket Diamonds. These precious stones were stolen from Sir Cyrille by the evil Lord Albert Rankpants of Grundertrolley, and law decrees that whoever returns them will be granted a wish of their choice. Desperate to secure the release of his father, SOB has managed to recover the diamonds, but has since had them pinched during an overnight stay at the Broken Bottle Inn on the outskirts of Grundertrolley. As if this wasn't bad enough, our hero is on the run for a crime he did not commit after discovering the murdered body of Big Lil, the barmaid from the Broken Bottle. Fortunately, the real murderer and the diamonds themselves are very close at hand . . .

The run across the muddy fields surrounding the Broken Bottle Inn had left me tired, shaking and bedraggled, but the appearance of a shadowy figure on the road out of Grundertrolley provided me with new impetus. That this man was Big Lil's murderer was beyond doubt – the face contorted with fear and the desperate looks over his shoulder every few strides were the hallmarks of a guilty man. Not only that, but he had such a tight grip on the velvet bag slung

over his shoulder, it was almost certain the Woonsocket Diamonds were concealed there. A murderer and a thief too. Not a pleasant combination.

Once he was past, I emerged from hiding and began to follow him as quietly as possible. Keeping to the side of the road and maintaining a distance of a good 50 yards between myself and the murderer, I ran along trying to formulate some sort of plan. Should I accost the man now and reclaim the diamonds for myself, or should I hang back for a while and follow him to wherever he was heading?

I decide on the latter course of action. After all, he could well be armed, and he's already killed one person tonight. I may be a Boggit, but I'm not stupid.

I am here to serve...

Star Trek 25th Anniversary

Q I am stuck in the Vengeance episode of Star Trek the 25th Anniversary. Nothing I do seems to make the slightest difference to the outcome of the battle with the fake Enterprise, in which I always get killed.

I have used what I think are the most logical responses – Choice 1 to Uhura before beaming over to the Republic. On the Republic, I used McCoy on the crew member above and to the right of the beam-down area to find him

expired – as were the others – then Spock on the console and the Captain's chair. Then I used McCoy on the woman in sickbay and had Kirk talk to her. I tried everything I could think of and found nothing else, so I beamed off.

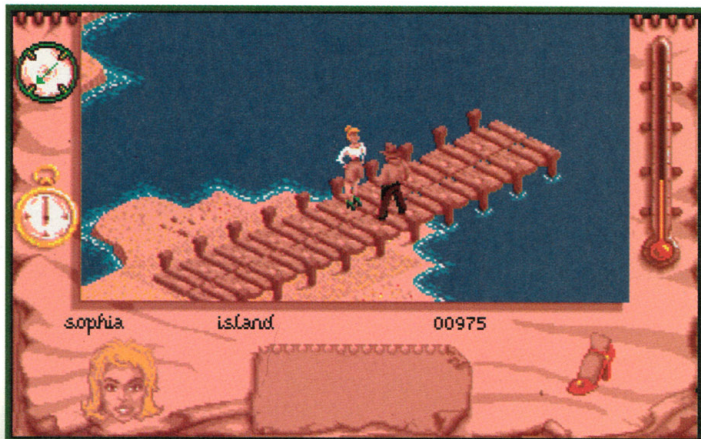
While pursuing the fake Enterprise I used Choice 1, then Choice 2, which I thought was a stall for time as it extends the conversation with the nasty doctor. Then finally, I went for Choice 3, which I thought was logical, and leads to an ambush.

I can hit the fake Enterprise before it gets out of range and the Elasi backup arrive. But then, while I am firing away at one ship, another is firing at me and I am done for. Having chosen to send two messages to Starfleet, I was expecting backup of my own.

Have I missed doing something on the Republic? Have I made the wrong choice somewhere, or do I just need to persevere with the battle? I have got 100% from two of the previous episodes and 90% plus from the others. My crew should therefore be reasonably competent, yet I just cannot win this one. Can you help me please?

David Austin, Ipswich

A So near and yet so far, David. When you're back on the Enterprise, use the Intercept or Hail choices, then prepare to do battle. When your ship is damaged during the fight, you must repair it immediately – the



INDY AND THE FATE OF ATLANTIS: We've gone and missed the boat now you daft git!

ship must be at speed 0 when doing so. The best battle tactic is to take out the Elasis first before concentrating on the fake Enterprise. One final point – you must have a minimum of 18 Commendation points to win. Good luck.

Indy and the Fate of Atlantis

Q I am quite new to playing adventure games, although I have successfully completed a few. At the moment I am trying Indiana Jones and the Fate of Atlantis. I am completely stuck on how and where to find the Worldstone in the caverns.

Mrs B Campbell, Belfast

A Once you have discovered the caves (by using the Sun and Moonstones with the stone pedestal in the ruins in Crete), enter and pick up two of the three stone heads. Go through the door and get the third head with your whip. Now find the room with the tall statue of a minotaur, and use the whip with its head. Stand to the left of the big head and an elevator will take you down to a cave where you will find Sternhart's body. You should be able to find the Worldstone here, along with a staff which comes in useful later.

King's Quest V

Q How do I get past the snake which blocks the path to the east?

John, Derby

A To get past the snake, you need to frighten it away. This can be done by shaking the tambourine (which you can get from the gypsy) at it.

Leisure Suit Larry II

Q I escaped the world cruise by jumping on a lifeboat, but every time I sail away I get killed by the sun's rays. please help!! I have been stuck for seven months!!

David McConway, Glasgow

A Make sure you have the wig and the dip (which you can get from the west end of the bar), then jump in the boat. As soon as it hits the water, use the sunscreen, wear the wig and throw the dip. Hey presto! You should sail away to a tropical resort without a care in the world.



KING'S QUEST: Hollywood beckons for the Incredible Hulk's stand-in

Dreamweb

Q I really need some help with Dreamweb. I saw your answer a few weeks ago which said to go to the church after you kill Diane Underwood, but my problem is, I can't find the church. Please tell me where it is or how to find it.

Andrew Robins, Bristol

A First of all you need to get a hot dog from Gorgie Street. If you give this sausage to the man-eating plant you will be able to get past. Now it's simply a case of switching one egg with the other.

That's enough problem-solving for this month, I need to concentrate on getting the diamonds



LEISURE SUIT LARRY: The bar's clientele leaves a lot to be desired

A After dream three took place you would have found yourself in a car park. From here you should have gone to the chapel house, climbed over the wall and searched around until you found a cartridge containing information on the church. Having used this with the Network in your flat, and entered the password SEPTIMUS, you would have been given the information regarding the church's whereabouts. Try retracing your steps Andrew.

back from the murdering thief in the road ahead. I'll have to be careful if I'm to avoid the same fate as Big Lil.

Until next time, farewell!!

Send your queries (and tips if you like) to:
Son of Boggit,
On the trail of the diamonds
c/o Amiga Action,
Media House,
Adlington Park,
Macclesfield, SK10 4NP

Innocent Until Caught.

Q Please can you help me with Innocent Until Caught, as I'm really stuck. I have to get the egg from the zoo, but I can't get past the man-eating plant.

Ian Devine, Reading

The Son of Boggit would like artistically-inclined readers to send in drawings or sketches of what they think he looks like. We promise to print the best efforts over the coming months. And who knows? We may even be forced to reveal his true identity!

Write up your alley!

I We've banished the Prophet and we're ignoring his cronies. And – gusp of gusps! – we've got a pseudo-serious letter to publish this month. Welcome to the all-new 'mature' Amiga Action letters . . . Ooh that's abso-lutely right!

EXPENSIVE BOTTLE OF RUM

Dear Amiga Action,
No-one can really deny that the Amiga is in rapid decline. Recently this has been caused by the bankruptcy of Commodore and the intervening period before Amiga Technologies bought up the rights, a time during which the PC came of age and the new consoles were given much pre-launch coverage. Even when Amiga Technologies appeared on the scene, it didn't do very much to re-establish this once great machine. But the problem of its decline goes further back than this.

Ever since the Amiga became 'big news', people have pirated whatever software has been available for it. Games companies have said time and time again that these pirates are costing them millions of pounds, and that it is hardly worth releasing a game which will be so heavily copied. This is where the real problem for the Amiga has always been.

This week it has come to light that the police are scaling down their investigations into software piracy because, in their words, "It costs too much". If this happens, the pirates are safe to continue plying their trade on whatever formats they feel like, and more and more companies will go out of business. It could get to the stage where these people end up destroying the whole of the computer games

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market. They are criminals and the police should investigate their crimes. Computer games are being singled out and ignored because they happen to be fashionable and mainly aimed at the young, and are therefore seen as non-important. By the next century, computer games could have become so unprofitable to produce that they do not exist at all, and people like you will have to find new jobs!

James Lewison, Leicester

I would sincerely hope James that by the next century, people like us – or more specifically one particular person like me – has long since found a new job, but I do understand your point. I understand it, and I partially agree, because large scale piracy of both software and video is rife, and the software end in particular is set to suffer more thanks to the ever-expanding Internet. However, it

starts at grass roots level, and for all their worries about the effects of software piracy, I challenge you to show me one employee of a software company who doesn't have a second generation audio tape in his or her car. But that's different, eh?

BURNING BRIDGEBOARDS

To the Editor of Amiga Action,
I heard last year that there was a PC Bridgeboard under development for the Amiga 4000. Are there any details of its release date, outlets and price?

R Holden-Rushworth, Devizes, Wilts

Unfortunately not, R. Details on this fabulous product are sketchy at the moment, and it seems that PC Bridgeboard fans will just have to wait. But you can be sure that as soon as information filters through, we will be as ignorant of it as we are at present, and will no doubt fail to inform you of any developments. Er, you can get a thingy which plugs into a Mega Drive from most game stores, if that's any help.

MORE YO-HO FUN

Dear Amiga Action,
I am a young boy (12 years old) in Gdansk, Poland, who is owner of an

Amiga A500+. Here in Poland (Gdansk) it is difficult for Amiga games to be located to be bought and so that as a result my friend and I do not have many to play with.

Amiga Action comes to us through shops not at all regular and when it does we have the fortune to play the games you provide, but all of these are now well used. Could you please if you have the heart forward my friend (call him Jack) [Er, okay . . .] and I manuals and documents for: Alien Breed 2, Mortal Kombat, Reunion? We have just pirate copies of these games but greater enjoyment would come with knowing what exactly to do. We hope you can help us and thank you.

Thank you,
Scricek [and Jack, presumably],
Gdansk, Poland

No problem Scritters mate – the manuals are on their way to you with our compliments. Would any other pirates like us to send them documentation in a quite illegal and job-threatening fashion? Write to Dodgy Warez at the usual address with all your piracy requirements. If the response is good enough we'll dedicate a section of the magazine to this end. [We already do, Paul. It's called 'Swap Shop' – Steve]. **Ah. Er, shtum . . . shtum.**

CARDIGANS AND THAT LOT

Dear Paul,
It was with some disappointment that we read in issue 80 your response to the letter of he of the unlikely name – Edward Zimmerframe – wherein you stated that you, "Don't mind students too much anymore". We were planning

to send you a long list (on paper paid for by taxpayers like you, of course) of the ways in which we spend our time and your money when we are in fact supposed to be studying, but Edward beat us to it.

The disappointment soon passed, however, when we read the rest of your reply, and far from writing to you as an enemy group of students, we welcome you as an ally – a fellow despiser of the constabulary!

Speaking from the experience of three of us having spent an entire night in a draughty southern cell as the result of a broken car windscreen during a night out (which was absolutely nothing to do with us whatsoever, as the coppers grudgingly admitted on our release), we have an idea for an exciting new AA feature.

Every month the readers of Amiga Action could send in photographs of themselves and their Amigas, posing with those bastions of all things good who we call the police.

Points could be awarded for the best picture, and the person with the most points each month wins a game. For instance, you holding your Amiga standing next to a smiling policeman = five points, you holding your Amiga, sticking two fingers up at a policeman = 10 points, and you hurling your Amiga at a policeman and knocking off his helmet = 20 points.

This would bring a new level of reader interaction to AA whilst at the same time pleasing both ourselves and you by encouraging youths to rebel against our pathetic law enforcers. It's got to be better than Reader Reviews!
Yours comradely,
Lisa D, Tara D, Helen S, Stephen L, Laurel K and Simon P, an educational establishment south of the Watford Gap, via email

BACK ISSUES

Amiga Action back issues from June '94 (issue 67) are available, and can be obtained by sending a cheque or postal order for £4.45 (includes postage and packaging) made payable to IDG Media at: IDG Media, Media House, Adlington Park, Macclesfield, SK10 4NP. Remember to include your name and address though, or it'll all go tremendously pear-shaped . . .



Woah – now we've had two letters from booze-riddled students. And what's more, they both made sense. I can't cope with this, just as I can't (publicly) condone the kind of non-conformist behaviour you're encouraging. Although obviously we'd look carefully at any photographs we received. Just out of politeness you understand.

Reader Reviews

JUNGLE STRIKE

Ocean
Reviewed by Adam Colton, Gloucester

On the consoles, Desert Strike was about the best game you could buy, and amazingly the Amiga version was even better, standing up well against the other excellent games in its genre. Jungle Strike was a chance for the programmers to go even further with their skills. The helicopter and basic game are still the same, though the backgrounds are obviously much different. The missions have been designed with even more difficulty in mind – loads of careful thinking and

top reactions are required – and it is this more than the couple of extra vehicles you're invited to drive which makes Jungle Strike an out-and-out winner. However, it's still no better than Desert Strike.

Summary: I suppose Amiga Urban Strike would be asking too much?
90%

X-TREME RACING

Black Magic
Reviewed by Steven Durham, Matlock

The kind of game for which the Amiga is most well known is the racer, but for the last few months the genre has been

sadly bare. Black Magic has presented us with its slant on the Mario Kart angle, and for the most part has made a fairly good effort.

The karts in question look really nice, and the backgrounds are good as they whizz by on either side. The sound they make is pretty poor though, and this spoils the races because it takes away some of the realism.

It doesn't matter a great deal, though, because the handling is good, and that's what's most important. Overall it comes up smelling of roses.

Summary: Not Skidmarks, but a very playable effort.
80%

write up your alley!

Swap Shop

When selling stuff through Swap Shop (and it doesn't have to be games – washing machines, cars, stolen cigarettes... anything goes) you can of course ask for whatever cash you like. Your chances of a response are better, however, if you keep your expectations realistic. This is the Amiga Action rough pricing guide, using 'example bundles' and assuming that everything is in good condition and machines come with a mouse/joystick.

Buyers – if the prices of the ads tally with these examples then you aren't getting ripped off. Probably.

A500 1 meg – £80
 CD32 – £80
 A500+/600 – £100
 A1200 – £150
 CD32 with 25 games – £180
 A600, external drive with 50 games – £200
 A1200, 40mb hard drive, external drive & 50 games – £300
 5,000 Benson & Hedges low tar Superkings in slightly damaged boxes with no questions asked – £250

A500/600 for sale, joystick, mouse, printer and approx 35 games. Excellent condition, £180 ono. Lee Walsh, 0161 626 5526.

One Amiga 1200 game, never used. Worth £30 sell for £20.

Super Street Fighter 2. Jonathan Fenn, 01952 615883.

Sensible Golf, Skidmarks 1 & 2, Cannon Fodder 1 & 2, A-Train, £10. Theme Park, UFO, £15. USM £7.50. Lemmings 2, Body Blows Galactic, Man Utd £5. All for sale. Oliver Coles, 01732 773322.

For sale: Champ Manager 93/94 £12, USM £15, On the Ball £18, Wings [Wings?] £10, Micro Machines £12. Phone and ask for Will between 5-8pm. 0113 284 3437.

Sell or swap Guardian A1200 + CD32 joypad (A1200 compatible) or swap for Hired Guns, Knights of... [and a whole lot more...]. Derek Sigens, 0191 2866625 (6-10pm).

Wanted: F18 Interceptor, The Blue and the Gray, Fighter Bomber and any other flight sims for 500/1200. Phone Alan on 0181 265 7421 after 6pm.

Wanted: Arnhem, cash paid. Also write to swap cheats, tips, PD utils etc, old and new welcome, age 11-15 from abroad. Send details to Lesley Eyre, 56 Crane Road, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham SG1 3HE. Age 13.

Amiga 600 with hard drive, two joypads and mouse plus many top games, £200. Phone Chris on 01283 561429.

Wanted: Tom Landry Strategy Football, Flight Sim 2 Scenery. Sell/swap: Embryo, Zeewolf, OTB WC, Starlord, Team Yankee, Detroit, Sabre Team, Classic Collection, £12. John, 01983 866900.

Wanted: Theme Park A500 version. Contact Mark McIntosh, 01235 534566.

For sale: Dynablasters, Pinball

Dreams, Striker £5 each; Civilization, Goblins 2, Frontier, Premier Manager, Railroad Tycoon £10 each; Monkey Island 2, OTB – League, £15 each. All boxed originals. Allen Parish, 49 Westbourne Road, Feltham, Middlesex TW13 4LX.

Wanted: 170mb hard drive, will pay £50. Also want MegaLoMania and Fantastic Dizzy, will pay £5 each. Alexi Tzitzas, 0161 304 9471.

Football Glory AGA, Theme Park AGA and Euro Champs. Swap for SWOS plus PM 1 or 2. Phone Daniel on 01747 871272.

Amiga 600, all boxed, 2 meg upgrade, 150 games, including Theme Park, Project-X, mint condition, worth £500, sell for £220, ono. Kelly Hartle, 3 Avill Wentworth Way, Hockley,

Tamworth B77 5QE.

Contacts wanted worldwide (Scandinavia especially) [Mucky pup!]. Lee Hughes, 5 Brierley Close, Bootle, Merseyside L30 7QH. [You don't send us any reviews any more Lee...]

Penpals wanted all over the world, male or female, to talk about anything. Hear from you soon, Colin Edwards, 18 Donald Road, West Croydon, Surrey. Age 27.

Want Cannon Fodder for A500, will swap for Sensible Soccer International or buy for £10. Robert Bailey, 153 Bradfield Road, Urmston, Manchester M41 9PF.

Amiga 1500 1 meg, keyboard with monitor, joystick, loads of games, dust covers, mags, £450. Phone Steve on 01244 316683.

For sale: Action Replay MKIII only £20, and A500 boxed originals £2.50 each, including Utopia, Populous, Kick Off 2 etc...

Andrew Ash, 52 Albany Road, Newport IOW. 01983 822090.

Penpals [and wild pirates no doubt – they're all the same these foreigners] wanted, 100% reply. Kevin Spiteri [Hang about, that doesn't sound very foreign...], 45 Cario Manche Street, Gzira, GZR02. [Oh, well done. What country are you in you spoon?]

Please can someone send me all of the finishing moves for Mortal Kombat 2. Either a book or a magazine. I'll pay for p&p and magazine or book. G Morgan, 47 Hereford Road, Chaddesden,



Derby DE21 4EJ.

A1200 for sale, 420 meg hard drive, CD-Rom drive, second floppy drive, scart TV, speakers, joysticks, keypad, floppy and CD software – Guardian, Subwars, Syndicate, Rise, Frontier II, Super Stardust etc, £595. Terry Osborne, 01935 79963.

Wanted: Super Stardust. Good price paid, phone Guy on 01244 537047.

Amiga 600, 2mb RAM, mouse, two joysticks, games and disks, manuals etc. Little use [to, or has received? Oh, never mind...], new condition, £175. John Lynch, 01438 364632.

15-year-old girl owns A500 and soon to own PC would like nice boys to send info on games (both computers) that I would like (buy from you or shops). Send photo and I'll love you more. Jo Lucas, 16 Sandown Road, West Malling, Kent ME19 6NS.

Sell/swap: James Pond 3 AGA, Chaos Engine £5 each, Premier Manager 2, Frontier, Valhalla £8 each, UFO (AGA) £12. Contact Frank (Ireland) [Name or place of abode?], 045 434165.

Wanted: KGB, Transarctica, Road Rash, Patricia for A600. Call David, 0114 246 4271.

Wanted: penpal to swap games or cheats or talk generally. I have most good games from the last two years. You must be at least 16 and own A500/600... [Waffle waffle, bland bland, etc]. Jonathan Kiernan, 252 Keeper



PSWaps

SwapShop



Road,
Drimnagh, Dublin 12, Ireland.
Age 16.

I am selling Leisure Suit Larry 5 for £10 [you'll be bloody lucky mate] or will swap for any game eg adventure or role play. [That's more like it, now . . .]. John Robson, 32 Scholes Bank, Horwich, Bolton, BL6 7QE.

Amiga 600 for sale, with 40 meg HD, 1 meg upgrade with clock, extra disk drive, joystick, mouse and mousemat (x2) [Oooh! - two]. Over 200 games, will sell for £225 ono. Aaron, 01752 782624.

I'm looking for a pen friend or pal, male or female, must have A1200, letters will be answered. Chris Kinman, 18 Falcon Way, Dinnington, Sheffield, S31 7NY. Age doesn't matter. Age 13.

A500+, 2mb, external drive, two mice, two joysticks, nine pin printer, good games, very good condition, £220 ono. Andrew, 01636 707034.

For sale: Universe £8, Beau Jolly Collection £8, JP £5, Sim Ant £5, Virocop £8, Dragonstone £8 [. . and all the rest]. James Martin, 019603 23290.

If you want lots of tips and cheats then send 30p to Adam Quick, 62 Rossall Road, Bolton BL2 2QF.

Amiga 500 1 meg, good condition, mouse, joystick, plus games such as MKII, OTB - World Cup. Will also chuck in blank

disks and sell for £120. Call Lee after 6pm on 01543 422147.

A1200 with 25 boxed originals including Gloom, Virocop, Bloodnet, Dynablaster, Guardian, Banshee, F1, Syndicate and Liberation, for £250. P Bushnell, 1865 875628.

A500+ 1 meg, mouse, joystick, games, wordprocessor, DPaint and manuals. Phone Weston (eves) on 0836 333253.

Wanted: Amiga monitor lead, will swap for Striker boxed original. Phone 01253 724985.

For sale: CD32 with SX-1, two disk drives and keyboard (making it an A1200 with CD drive). Comes with 35 CDs including Video Creator, also with disks including Wordsworth 3.1. All boxed, £400 ono for everything. Phone 01484 850040.

For sale: Action Replay MKIII for A500+ £15, Gunship 2000 £15, War in the Gulf £10, plus loads more. For free list write to Warren Darby, 72 Pelham Road, Cowes, IOW.

Penpals wanted to swap A1200 games and talk rubbish. Write to Zoe Green, 35 Constantine Place, Baldock, Herts SG7 6ST.

CD32, 39 CDs, A1200 emulation (SX-1 expansion), disk drive, keyboard, joypad, mouse, disk software, £275. 01203 597830. A600 for sale with 2 meg, 100+

games, two joysticks, mouse and two disk boxes, very good condition. Sell for £250, phone 01673 862974 after 6pm and ask for Dan.

Is there anyone out there who has an Amiga 500 power pack and wants to get rid of it? [Yes! Us!] Must be in good working order [Ah. Not us]. If so, call Adam on 115 952 7405.

For sale: Life & Death £10, Hired Guns, Frontier, PM3 all £15. Ricky Bell, 01536 260453.

Wanted: Elvira 1 & 2, will swap HeroQuest, Simon Sorc., ESWAT, Codename Hellfire or buy if the price is right. Contact Julian Poxon, 204 Lansbury Court, Saunders Way, Thamesmead, London SE28 8DY.

Games for sale and swap. Send your list to Zoe Green [You know, the bird six ads up saying effectively the same thing].

Aladdin, Steel Sky, Hannah Barbera Anim, Deuterios,

Dungeon Master, Nick Faldo, Dune 2, Monkey Island, Indy Jones, 10/10, King's Quest, Police Quest, Another World, Flashback plus 150 more titles. All original and cheap. Large SAE to G Rogers, 24 Northview, Swanley, Kent BR8 7BQ.

Please help! Multiface 3 for Spectrum+3 needed for two sad people [Respect for knowing the score there . . .], cash waiting. Stephen Tinsley, 01446 742062.

Original boxed games from £2, Darkseed, Ishar 3, Valhalla, Monkey Island, Valhalla BTW, EOB 2, Heimdall 2, Body Blows, Shadow of the Beast [etc . . .]. Ring Dumbi on 0181 297 2587, 9-5 answerphone, available all other times.

For sale: Premier Manager 3 £15, Hired Guns £12, Frontier £12, Shadow Worlds £10, Epic £6, Life and Death £15. Also- [Home time! Sorry Ricky Bell but you know how it is . . .]

The ads in the Swap Shop are free. They didn't use to be, but it got to be too much trouble taking the cheques downstairs. The thing is though, keep them short. Don't waffle on and list every single game you've got, or your ad won't get in. If you're after a penpal then a: include your age, and b: sort yourself out.

Name

Address

Telephone

Age

Please tick which you wish to be printed:

☐ Telephone

☐ Address

Send to: Filth Shop, Amiga Action, Media House, Adlington Park, Macclesfield SK10 4NP

ALTERNATIVE SOFTWARE

Released Summer

Alternative Software is prone to turn its hand to any genre of game, and as a result has brought us products as diverse as Tracksuit Manager, Huckleberry Hound and Dalek Attack. Alternative has even produced an Aussie Rules football game in the dim and distant past, but this is the first time the Pontefract-based company has had a bash at the sport it holds closest to its heart – Rugby. Actually, the title of the game is a little bit misleading at this point, because a licence still needs to be confirmed. The all-new Rugby League Superleague starts at the end of March, and although officials have already been – in the words of Alternative's Roger Hulley – "Gobsmacked," by what they've seen so far, loose ends remain to be tied.

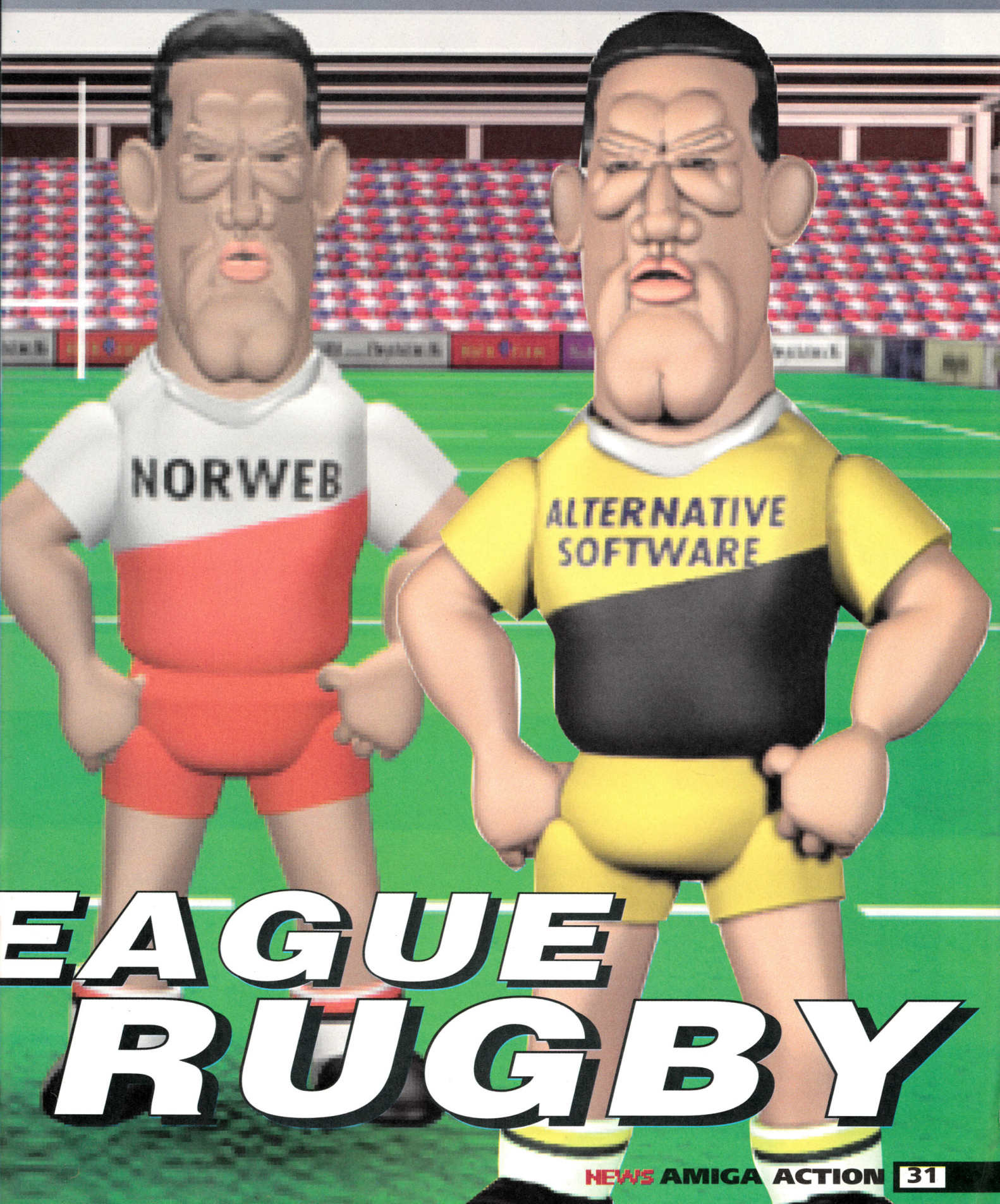
The game is being programmed by Nottingham newcomer Charybdis, headed by ex-Virtuality boys Andy Smith, Jerry Swan and Mike Hardisty. Their track record with this ground-breaking company is unrivalled, and their first Charybdis project – a PC adventure game called Spud – has already been well received. With Superleague Rugby they're aiming to encompass a greater essence of what the game is about, beginning with the sprites.

They're huge – the most detailed players you're likely to see in a sports game – and Charybdis is determined that players of the game will never lose track of events, even for a second, unlike other efforts in the genre, where, they claim, it's something of a lottery in situations such as the scrum. The detail is such that ball spin during a pass is visible (though obviously this kind of thing may not translate onto the Amiga).

SL Rugby will be played from the half-way line, a perspective which it is believed allows maximum control over the in-game situations. It will also feature such touches as increasingly ragged pitches and different stadia. The hope is, that unlike with previous games, you won't have to be fan of rugby league to enjoy it.

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LEAGUE RUGBY

THE KILLING GROUND

Team 17 Released April

Or, to credit the game with its full title – Alien Breed 3D 2: The Killing Grounds. Yep, the next instalment in Team 17's otherworld monsta-killing saga is nearly with us, and programmer Andy Clitheroe is getting ready for a well earned rest.

"The aliens are much more intelligent this time," says Andy. "They will respond to gunfire, and seek you out if they hear you approach." Indeed, on some levels, the aliens work as part of a team, relaying information to each other. So, if for instance you encounter one team member at a certain juncture, the others may be scuttling towards you, making life



"Alien Breed 3D was released in October, and I've been working on this game since then," says the northern lad who's just bought a new car with the loot he received in return for his efforts.

"This time I've tried to do everything that I wasn't able to with the last game." Hang on. Does that mean that the last effort was shite? Apparently not.

"With Alien Breed 3D I had to be aware of the limitations I was working with. This time, the best model on which the game runs is a 4mb RAM A1200, so I can do a lot more." It does of course run in low-res on a standard A1200 too, and the ability to size the window yourself takes care of the speed. So what else is new?

thereafter a whole lot trickier.

Andy says, "There's more thought required now. Previously, if you were good enough, you could get away with tooling up and blasting everything that got in your way. But because of the heightened alien intelligence, that's no longer possible."

He's particularly proud of his lighting too, and will draw the attention of anyone who is willing to listen to the shadows playing across the gun as it sweeps from side to side. He'll also puff his chest out with pride as he displays the differences between aliens with light behind them, compared with ones who may be approaching and lit only from the left, right or whatever.



The missions are more varied this time too, as are the weapons. However, gamers will take most pleasure in the AB level editor, effectively affording the player a never-ending game. It ain't no second-rate excuse for a program either, as Andy explains:

"I completed the editor first, and then basically constructed the whole game using it. So what you're getting in the package is exactly what I used to create the game."

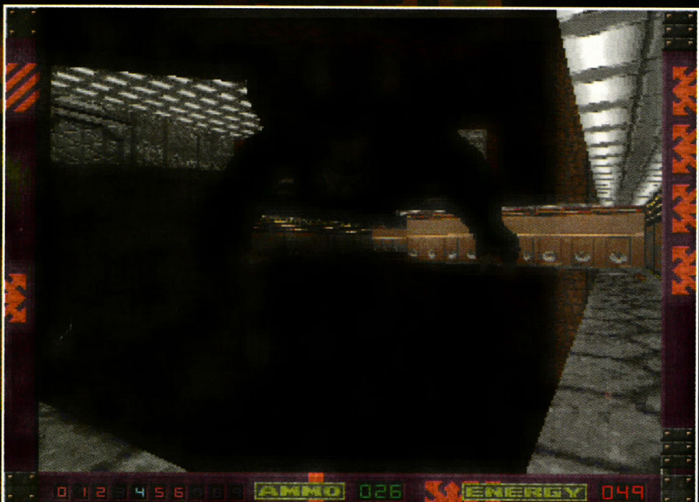
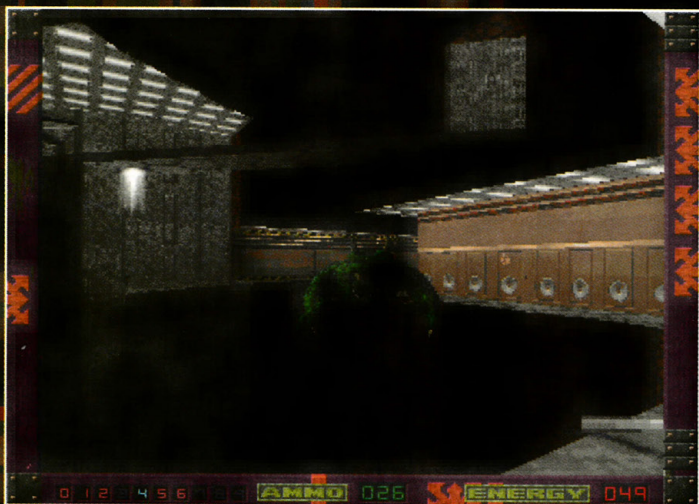
So how long would it take

the average pleb to construct a simple, working level?

Andy reaches for the mouse and in less than 20 seconds has constructed a three-room level complete with a couple of nasty aliens.

"Obviously I'm familiar with it, but basically you can do something bigger and better than this in minutes. And for more complex levels, where you're altering the height of floors and setting the alien intelligence, it can take as long as you want it to."

ROUNDS



REMEMBER LEGENDS?

You know, that Zelda-esque thang that Krisalis has been working on for years? Well, it's been completed for some time now, though Rotherham's finest coders have been waiting for the game's optimum release date. Guess what? **THAT TIME IS NOW!** Oh yes, and we'll be reviewing it next month and everything.

Beavis & ButtHead: Wanted

£6.99, Titan Books, available from March

MTV's most politically incorrect pair of teenage misfits are back in this, their fourth comic-strip collection. The premise of a couple of immature boys talking about their nobs and laughing lewdly at seemingly innocent phrases may not appeal to all, but since it is a spookily accurate representation of an average day in the Amiga Action office, it goes down a treat with us.

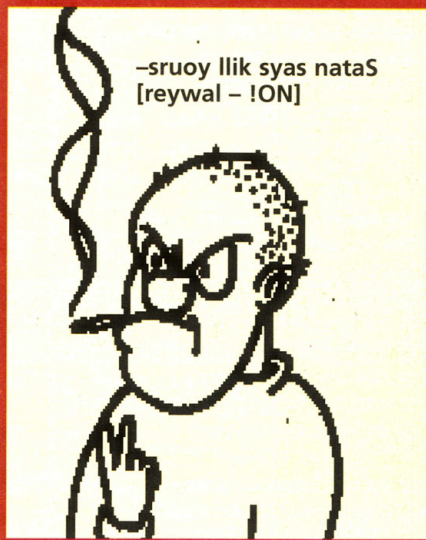
Roar as Beavis gets frostbite in his 'extremities', chortle as ButtHead smooches a lavatory, and guffaw at the introduction of the word 'assmunch'.

Not the kind of present you'll be receiving from your grandma of course, but then nothing decent ever is. Seven dabs for a glorified comic might seem a lot to ask for, but *Wanted* weighs in at almost 100 pages. What's more, it's well produced, and above all, funny! Buy it, and join forces with Amiga Action as the immature revolution gathers force...

CHAOS IN DA HOUSE

After our prophetic *Whatever became of the Chaos Engine 2?* news piece last month, Time Warner became so ashamed of its neglect of the Amiga that it immediately whipped the Bitmap Brothers into action, saying to them, "Do the Chaos Engine 2 on the Amiga". As a direct result (oh yes) of that news piece, said engine-based game is now firmly back on track, and should be on the shelves of a shop which sells computer games in a shopping arcade close to your house by June. We think. Whatever, we'll have a full preview next month, and we really mean it this time, not like some times when we say that and then nothing ever happens. No, because Paul needs some new gear for his bedroom and fancies going to London, so it'll definitely happen this time. Yep.

CONTROVO-MAN SAYS...



COMP WINNERS

As is our style, we have shamefully neglected to publish the Amiga Action competition winners for the last year or so, and, after numerous letters threatening court action and liaison with the Office of Trading Standards, we thought it was about time we did.

Now the thing is, we've got a list of everyone who's won a prize since the last time such winners were announced, but – as, indeed is our style – we, er, don't know who won what. Because we didn't make a note of that.

But never mind! Everyone listed here should have already received their gear. If your name's here and you haven't, then hard bloody luck!

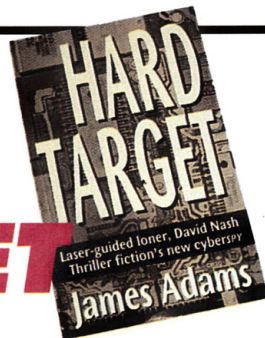
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CHILD OF SPOCK

A hearty hurrah and congratulatory backslaps aplenty go out this month to Lisa Tunnah and Paul Carrington, aka Vulcan Software. They've only gone and got themselves pregnant, and they'll no doubt be sampling their offspring's speech – in quite shamefully exploitative fashion – just as soon as it's born.

WIN!! HARD TARGET



by James Adams

Hard Target (Michael Joseph Publishing) is James Adams' third novel. It's the follow-up to the successful Final Terror and Taking the Tunnel, and, according to the Sunday Telegraph, makes our James, "The Natural Successor to Frederick Forsyth".

A defence journalist by trade, Adams also has a number of acclaimed non-fiction books under his belt. Hard Target marks the beginning of a series of novels featuring David Nash, a high level international Cyberspy.

Momentum is maintained throughout the 300-odd pages, locations are switched with frequency, and the boy Adams appears to have a good working knowledge of wherever he takes us. Despite the hi-tech theme and array of gadgetry introduced, the book for the main part avoids complication and insider jargon. But even if it didn't it wouldn't matter. Why? Because you don't have to pay for it! No. You can **WIN ONE OF 10 COPIES** courtesy of the generous souls at Michael Joseph.

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